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1. BURUNDI MEDIA FOLLOWING EN
RGY CRISIS CLOSELY, BUT SO FAR
HAVE NOT SPECIFICALLY COMMENTED.

2. COVERAGE NEVERTHELESS WIDE ENOUGH TO ALERT READER TO
POTENTIAL HARMFUL
IMPACT OF OIL SHORTAGE AND HIGHER PRICES ON
BURUNDI. FOR EXAMPLE, BURUNDI RADIO ON FEBRUARY 5 CARRIED
KENYAN FINANCE MINISTER'S STATEMENT CRISIS WOULD HIT AFRICAN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HARDER THAN EUROPE AND MAKE THEM TAKE TWO
STEPS BACKWARD JUST WHEN THEY WERE ATTAINING CRUISING SPEED.
SAME BROADCAST REPORTED IVORIAN GOVERNMENT'S DISAVOWAL OF
BEGIN UNDERLINE FRATERNITE MATIN'S END UNDERLINE EDITORIAL
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QUESTIONING ARAB SINCERITY.

FOLLOWING DAY GOVERNMENT BULLETIN
CARRIED ZAMBIAN DELEGATE'S REMARK AT TRIPOLI ECA CONFERENCE
ON OIL THAT AFRICAN OIL CONSUMERS WILL HAVE TO PROTECT
THEIR INTERESTS.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF FEBRUARY 13, PRESIDENT OF
NATIONAL BANK SHOWED REAL CONCERN OVER OIL POLICIES.
SUBJECT
OF POSSIBLE COUNTER MEASURES NOT BROACHED BUT IN FEBRUARY 1
INTERVIEW MINISTER OF ECONOMY NOTED COMPLICATIONS, SUCH AS
TRANSPORTATION, WHICH STATE-TO-STATE OIL DEALS WOULD
ENTAIL.

. COMMENT: IXNCPPEA
S BURUNDI GOVERNMENT WELL AWARE OF
PROBLEM BUT AT PRESENT UNWILLING POINT PUBLIC FINGER AT
ARABS.

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